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## **Attention: Medicaid Providers**

### **Termination of the Patient 1<sup>st</sup> Program**

Effective February 29, 2004, the Patient 1<sup>st</sup> Program will be terminated. Patients will no longer be assigned to PMPs effective March 1, 2004. Claims with dates of services prior to March 1, 2004, will still require the necessary Patient 1<sup>st</sup> referral information. Patients were notified through Recipient Notice 04-01. Primary Medical Providers were notified through Provider Notice 04-02.

Case management fees for February will be paid and PMPs will receive their patient lists. Assignments however will not be made for March 2004 nor will changes be accepted for patients wishing to change their PMP.

The termination of the Patient 1<sup>st</sup> Program does not affect recipient benefit limits. Patients should be told at each visit whether their Medicaid will be accepted for that visit. If a service is noncovered, the recipient should be notified prior to the service being rendered that he/she will be responsible for the payment.

The Agency has posted "Frequently Asked Questions" on its website at [www.medicaid.state.al.us](http://www.medicaid.state.al.us) to help PMPs, other providers, and recipients transition out of the Patient 1<sup>st</sup> Program.

This change is necessary due to Agency fiscal constraints. If you have any questions, please contact the Agency's Customer Service Unit at (800) 362-1504.

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